

U.S. POSTAL SERVICE HARTFORD VEHICLE MAINTENANCE FACILITY  
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT

**The U.S. Postal Service Hartford Vehicle Maintenance Facility** does routine maintenance, repair, and auto body work, and stores and distributes gasoline and oil for USPS vehicles. The facility participated in the USEPA Environmental Leadership Program NE in 1996-97 and it was one of the first facilities to join the Star Track program in 1998. The facility is also working with EPA's WasteWi\$e program to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE

**AT A GLANCE**

Industry Sector:	U.S. Postal Service
Business:	Maintains and repairs USPS vehicles
Facility Employees:	36
Accomplishments:	Reduced hazardous solid waste Eliminated use of hazardous solvent
2003 Commitments:	Reduce hazardous solid waste Reduce total solid waste Recycle used oil Reduce greenhouse gas emissions
Address:	85 Weston Street Hartford, CT 06101-9331

*Past Accomplishments*

The Hartford Vehicle Maintenance Facility has demonstrated its commitment to environmental performance in the areas of hazardous waste and materials use reduction. Between 1992 and 2000, the facility:

- **Reduced hazardous solid waste** by 98% through switching to non-hazardous part washers and brake cleaners, recycling antifreeze, using more efficient High Volume Low Pressure Paint Spray Guns, and switching to high solids/low VOC painting systems.
- **Eliminated use of hazardous materials** by replacing hazardous solvent parts washing service contracts with USPS owned units that use a non-hazardous solution.

*Future Commitments*

The Hartford facility also committed to continuous environmental improvement by further reducing the use of hazardous and solid waste. By 2003 the facility will:

- **Reduce hazardous solid waste** by 33% per vehicle through using non-hazardous products and recycling process materials.
- **Reduce total solid waste per vehicle** by 62% through purchasing a new parts washing unit that recycles the non-hazardous parts washing solution.
- **Recycle 70 % of used oil** by using it to produce re-refined oil which will be purchased again by the Vehicle Maintenance Facility.
- **Reduce greenhouse gas emissions** by increasing the total solid waste recycled per year by 8%. This reduces the greenhouse gases generated from the production of new paper stock.

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The USPS Hartford Vehicle Maintenance Facility addresses community concerns through its District Environmental Compliance Coordinator (DECC). The DECC responds to concerns by phone or mail. The USPS also provides the community with brochures on environmental issues, assists with educational programs and workshops given by the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection, and invites community members to the facility for hands-on learning experiences.